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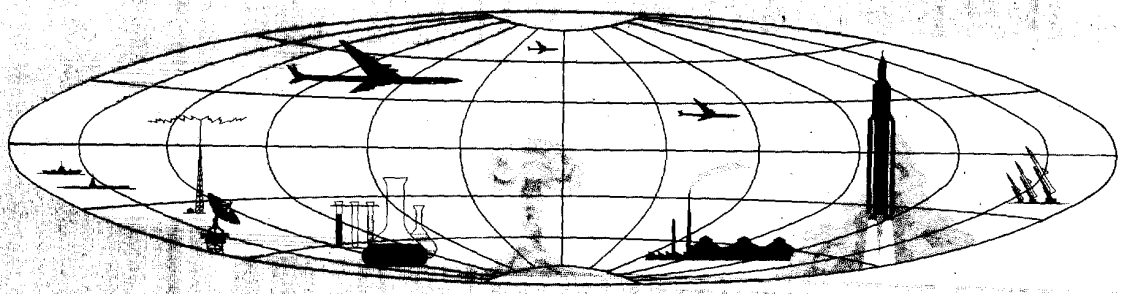

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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3513, DATED 25 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

NEWLY IDENTIFIED SA-2 SAM SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 22-41-20N 082-49-50W, 3.1 NM WEST OF MAJANA. SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, OCCUPIED, NET-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA WITH FAN SONG RADAR, 3 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE HOLD POSITIONS, AND 6 POSSIBLE PRIME MOVERS AMONG TREES AT NW EDGE OF SITE. NO REVETMENTS, CIRCULAR ROADS, PERMANENT FACILITIES, MISSILES OR MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

-MISSILES-

25X1A [redacted]

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS (4 CANVAS-COVERED), 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N Ø8317W [redacted]

SIX UNOCCUPIED REVETMENTS AND AN UNOCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT REMAIN. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N Ø8213W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER ALONGSIDE A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED AND PARTIALLY CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N Ø7929W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES ON TRANSPORTERS, AND AN UNCOVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W [redacted]

APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS AND SEVERAL VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N Ø7627W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

TEN VEHICLES AND 3 LARGE AND 2 SMALL TENTS IN SUPPORT AREA. NO MISSILES OR MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT, CRUISE-MISSILE-TYPE CRATES OR EQUIPMENT. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A [redacted]

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON, 5 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND ONE HARE VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 40 FISHBED, 3 FARMER (ONE WITH TAIL SECTION REMOVED), 25 FAGOT/FRESCO, 6 T-6, 11 B-26, AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

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25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 3 C-47, ONE C-46, 4 CRATE, 4 BRITANNIA, ONE VISCOUNT, ONE CRATE FUSELAGE, ONE LIAISON, ONE B-26, AND ONE LODESTAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 10 COLT, ONE PBY, 3 C-47, 2 CRATE, AND 39 LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W [redacted]

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.
APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES PARKED AT END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 55 HOUND, 8 HOUND FUSELAGES, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS, 5 HARE, ONE C-47, AND ONE CRATE.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W [redacted]

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

-PORTS-

25X1A

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W [redacted]

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, ONE POSSIBLE PC.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 20 FREIGHTERS, INCLUDING THE TSIMLYANSKGES-TYPE AT HAVANA CENTRAL PIER, 2 TANKERS, 8 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, ONE COASTAL TANKER, 10 TRAWLERS, 5 PC, ONE PF, AND 5 PT.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D [redacted]

VESSELS -- THE FREIGHTER, [redacted] (4 BARGES ALONGSIDE, HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS WORKING).
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE OBSERVED IN THE COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS AND VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT FOR 3 TANKS/SP GUNS WHICH ARE GONE FROM FORMER POSITIONS. THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE NEW TENT AREA.
AN ESTIMATED 75 TO 100 TROOPS OBSERVED IN TWO FORMATIONS IN THE BARRACKS AREA.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.
FOLIAGE AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W [redacted]

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 63 LARGE, 28 MEDIUM, AND 77 SMALL TENTS, 36 TANKS/SP GUNS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 10 TRACKED PRIME-MOVERS, 8 SNAPPERS, 22 FA PIECES, 190 CARGO TRUCKS, 12 CARGO TRAILERS, 23 UTILITY TRUCKS, 14 VAN TRUCKS, 25 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. FOUR TANKS/SP GUNS, ONE UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLE, AND ONE SNAPPER HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR FORMER PARKED POSITIONS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W [redacted]

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 14 LARGE, 22 MEDIUM, AND 12 SMALL TENTS, 35 TANKS/SP GUNS, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 9 SNAPPERS, 13 UNIDENTIFIED

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TRACKED VEHICLES, 10 TRACKED PRIME-MOVERS, 235 CARGO TRUCKS, 13 CARGO TRAILERS, 2 VAN TRUCKS, 26 UTILITY TRUCKS, 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES, 9 POL TRUCKS, 4 POL TRAILERS, AND 28 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES. SIX TANKS/SP GUNS AND THE 7 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LOWBOY TRAILERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR FORMER POSITIONS AND ARE NOT OBSERVED. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED. TWO VEHICLE CONVOYS (ONE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10 CARGO TRUCKS AND THE OTHER APPROXIMATELY 21 CARGO TRUCKS) ARE PARKED IN THE CAMP. AN ESTIMATED 500 TO 600 TROOPS AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT WERE OBSERVED ON THE PARADE GROUND.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W [redacted]

CAMP CONTAINS 46 LARGE, 5 MEDIUM, AND 12 SMALL TENTS, 12 TANKS/SP GUNS, 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 26 CARGO TRUCKS, 19 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W [redacted]

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED --
REFORMATORY PROPER -- 24 LARGE, 13 MEDIUM AND 6 SMALL TENTS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 3 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA, .3 NM SOUTH -- 10 LARGE, 19 MEDIUM AND ONE SMALL TENTS, 75 CARGO TRUCKS, 42 VAN TRUCKS, 23 UTILITY TRUCKS, 65 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 17 CARGO TRAILERS.
MOTOR PARK, .7 NM SSW -- ONE MEDIUM AND 5 SMALL TENTS, 6 CARGO TRUCKS, 53 VAN TRUCKS, 2 POL TRUCKS, AND 52 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK, .9 NM SE -- 50 CARGO TRUCKS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 99 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 3 CARGO TRAILERS.
AAA SITE, 1.5 NM SSE -- 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 18 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE IS OCCUPIED.
BILLETING AREA, 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 13 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM AND

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12 SMALL TENTS, 30 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND 32 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK, 1.2 NM SW -- 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 21 CARGO TRUCKS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
CAMP AREA CONTAINS 300 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 21 VEHICLES.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

SEVEN POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED IN PORTION OF CAMP COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

TWENTY-FIVE FA PIECES AND 32 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

WEST AREA -- 21 FA PIECES AND 32 VEHICLES.
EAST AREA -- 30 FA PIECES AND 31 VEHICLES.

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25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W [redacted]

AREA 1 -- 13 CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS.
AREA 2 -- 14 VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- 23 CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS.

25X1D [redacted]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 85 VEHICLES PARKED AT SOUTH EDGE OF SITE.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN STORAGE FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE HOUND HELICOPTER LOCATED NEAR T-SHAPED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1D [redacted]

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08242W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

25X1D

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25X1D

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

25X1D

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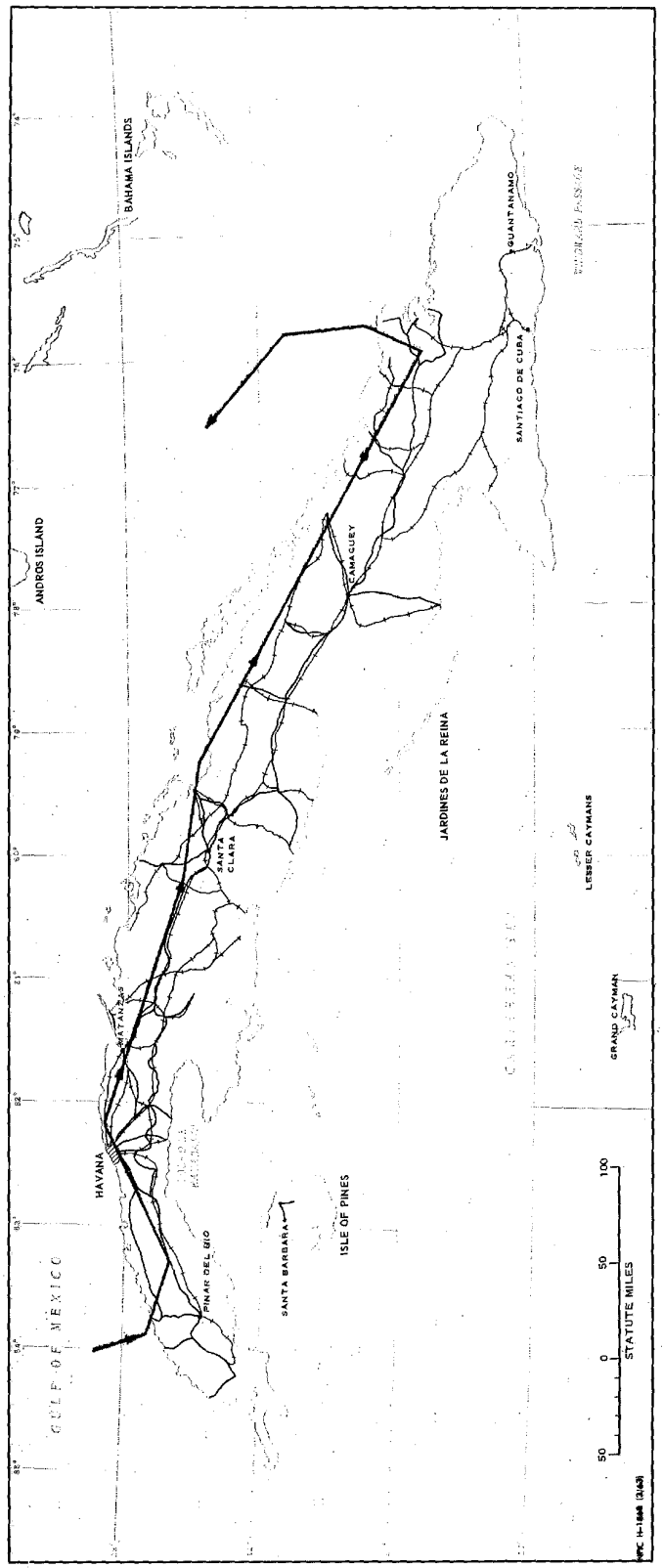

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